

# Canons of Construction

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## DEAN'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the entire Faculty, I am delighted to welcome everyone to the new academic year. I would like to describe the changes in the building and the Faculty that have occurred since the end of exams last April.

### Construction Update

When the present second and third year classes finished exams last April, preparations immediately began for the construction of the Frank and Beverly MacInnis Centre in the space formerly occupied by the first floor of the library. The asbestos found in that area was removed in May and June. However, the sheer volume of construction work under way, both on the campus and throughout Alberta, caused delays on the part of both our architects and the University construction managers. As a result, the first floor is now a very large and quiet asbestos-free area, rather than the hive of construction activity that we expected.

The contract for the MacInnis Centre has now been awarded and construction is expected to begin almost immediately. A term of the contract requires the contractor to avoid "excessively noisy" work during ordinary business hours, but we can expect some minor disruptions of law school activities during the term.

Although the escalation in construction costs in Alberta has been significant, I am delighted to report that the contract will allow us to complete the MacInnis Centre to the very high standards set out in the architects' plans. The construction schedule calls for completion at the end of February. We will then have two outstanding new classrooms and a range of facilities which will be both functional and very attractive.

Our Faculty representative for construction is Shasta Rudyk ([rudyk@law.ualberta.ca](mailto:rudyk@law.ualberta.ca)) and we appreciate in advance your forbearance during this fall's construction activities.

### Faculty Changes

I am pleased that we have added four new Faculty members this year. Professor Lucinda Ferguson left the Faculty at the end of the last academic year to take up a lectureship at Oxford University, but our full-time teaching capacity has increased by nearly 10% over last year.

Professors Eric Adams, Matthew Lewans, and Eran Kaplinsky joined the Faculty on July 1st. Professor Delphine Nakache will take up her duties in January, 2008.

Professor Adams will teach in the areas of Constitutional Law and Labour and Employment Law. He has a law degree from Dalhousie University and is a doctoral candidate at the University of Toronto.

Professor Lewans will teach in the field of Administrative Law, his specialty, as well as Jurisprudence. He is a native of Saskatchewan, where he obtained his law degree and also holds a Master of Laws from

the University of Auckland in New Zealand, a Bachelor of Civil Law from Oxford, and is a doctoral candidate at the University of Toronto.

Professor Kaplinsky will teach in the areas of Property Law and Planning Law. He holds a Bachelor of Laws from Tel Aviv University, a Master of Laws from the University of Toronto, and a Doctor of Juridical Science from the University of Toronto. He was most recently a Visiting Scholar and Adjunct Professor at the University of Toronto, working in the field of Planning Law.

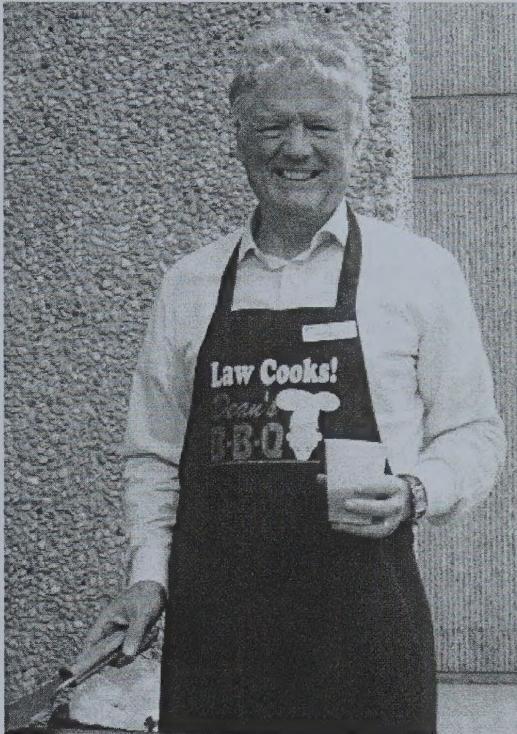
Professor Nakache will teach International Economic Law as well as Comparative Law. She obtained her law degree at the Institut d'Études Politiques in Lille, France and holds a Masters of Laws in International Law from the Université du Québec à Montréal. She is a doctoral candidate in International Law at McGill University.

Our Legal Research and Writing team continues under the direction of Robyn Kaulback, who will teach the course, together with Belzberg Fellows Heather Manweiller and Jeremy Schick.

Director of Student Services, Neil Buddel, accepted a position as Associate Director Residence Life effective August, 2007. We are pleased to welcome Sarah Garskey as the new Director of Student Services. In a strange twist of fate, Neil is occupying the seat that Sarah recently vacated in Residence Services!

We are already beginning the process of recruiting new faculty members for next year. Students are encouraged to make their views known

to Alec Campbell who is the student representative on this year's Advisory Selection Committee. Please also look-out for a major announcement in the law school at noon on September 25, 2007, which will have a significant impact on our teaching complement in the future.



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# AND THE WINNER IS ...

NAVID NIKOU (2L)

When I first arrived at U of A last year, I was immediately advised by the upper year students to take a course with Professor Brown. Although my schedule was predetermined, I was fortunate enough to have him as my torts professor. It immediately became apparent that the suggestions were well founded.

Although this was the first time Professor Brown had taught torts, he had perhaps the most organized lesson plan of all our professors. He presented every lesson in a clear and structured manner, and just like other great teachers he always managed to get us to look at the issues from a variety of angles. Although our section was known for our silence and a lack of involvement in class discussions, he managed to reach out and engage us each and every class.

Whenever an unfamiliar term or name was introduced he always took the time to write it on the board, and made sure everyone caught up before moving on. While he has great command of the subject matter, he never pretended to know all the answers. Whenever unsure of answers to any questions, he always took the time to research the issue before coming back with the correct answer.

I always found Professor Brown to be accessible, enthusiastic, and welcoming of questions in class. While he always made time

for students outside of class, it was his faculty involvement with everything from Halloween costumes to the Law Show, that helped him earn the 2006 Ron Hopp Most Involved Professor Award. All of this from a devoted family man whose eyes light up every time he tells stories involving his children.

These are just some of the qualities that Professor Brown brings to our faculty on a daily basis. And rightfully Russ Brown was awarded the Tevie H. Miller Teaching Excellence Award at the end of the year. And at that same time I was studying the course offerings for this year with an eye on any future courses taught by him.

I was fortunate enough to have several great professors last year, and for Professor Brown to be recognized for this honor among them certainly speaks to his incredible talents as an educator, especially in such a high quality school as the University of Alberta.

I recently met with him to discuss this achievement and although he is very proud of the honour, he is also extremely humble and feels that other professors were just as deserving of the recognition. He also went on to name numerous professors in the faculty who he deemed more deserving of the award for their continuous teaching innovations every year.

Professor Brown set high expectations for



our class all year long with challenging midterm and final examinations, but he always provided us with a candid and unvarnished assessment of our progress, as well as ways to improve our knowledge of the subject. What he values most about winning the award is the positive student feedback in the face of such demanding exams. He considers it an honour to receive so many votes after challenging his students, rather than by handing out easy grades.

With such qualities and humility it is no wonder Professor Brown was awarded last year's Tevie H. Miller Teaching Excellence Award. Although his choice of professional sports teams are generally questionable, there is no denying his talents as a first rate law professor. And as was recommended to me, I would in turn urge each and every one of you to take at least one course with him before concluding your law degree.

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forgotten*

# PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

CHRISTINE MURRAY (3L)

Welcome back to all returning students, and a special welcome to all 1Ls! I hope you had a wonderful summer and that you are excited for the upcoming school year. The Faculty of Law at the University of Alberta is an outstanding institution and your experience here will be very rewarding.

I want to summarize what the Law Students' Association is and what we do for you. Our job is to make sure you have the best law school experience possible. That means acting as your representative to the law faculty and the rest of the university, in order to address any concerns you may have. It means making sure that you do not get overwhelmed with the workload in the coming months, and to help you out with academic support. The LSA sells the notes taken by top students for courses that you are currently taking, called Condensed Annotated Notes (CAN's).

The LSA is also dedicated to making sure you can have fun and relax. At this law school we work and play hard. The LSA has a few awesome social and sporting events lined up for the coming year, including the Carbolic Smoke Ball, the El Hacko Golf Tournament, the First Friday Back Party, the End of Exams Party, the Kids' Christmas Party (for law students with children) and the Cuts for a Cure Cancer

Fundraiser. Make sure that you get some time in between study sessions to go for a run or participate in the free intramurals that the LSA sponsors including volleyball, basketball, soccer, inner tube water polo and more! Staying fit will help you manage your stress and maintain your health! If you have any questions please stop by our office in the locker room, we are more than happy to help!

Some of our other services include maintaining our student lounge, The Gavel, and providing you with a locker. We also issue the Who's Who, a useful student directory complete with pictures. The Law Students' Association gives out an annual yearbook to document your time here, long after facebook is obsolete. All this is available for a fee of \$55, which is used entirely for the benefit of the student body. You will get that back many times over, I guarantee.

One thing I can advise you to do in the next couple of weeks is to get involved. There are a lot of phenomenal clubs and organizations at the law school, and you have an opportunity to sign-up with them. This is a great way to meet the people you will be spending the next three years with. When it comes time to look for a job, your great marks will help you get an interview, but when you are there everyone

will ask about your participation in law show/soccer/hockey/rugby or other clubs you participate in. Also, remember that your best resource at law school is the amazing people who fill the building: faculty, classmates, staff, upper year students, and everyone else who works to make the law school great. Make sure you appreciate these people and treat them with respect, as they will make your experience here enriching. I hope to see all of you around and have an awesome year!



# VP ACADEMIC UPDATE

ALISON MURRAY (3L)

Welcome back, and welcome to all first years. I hope you have all had a relaxing summer. As this goes to press, I am in the midst of taking submissions for CANS and editing some of our current CANS. More to follow in September!

Congratulations to all of the first years in joining us at the University of Alberta. It is a great school, the quality of education is second to none, and more importantly—you now have a legitimate reason to escape the real world for three years.

What are these CANS you may have heard about? CANS is either an acronym for "Case and Note Summaries" or "Condensed and Annotated Notes". I am not sure which is the proper definition (maybe this will disqualify me as VP Academic?), but either way, they are helpful study tools. CANS are prepared as a study guide. Starting with class notes, the non-examinable stuff is taken out, examinable stuff is condensed to KEY points (facts of



a case go from 3 pages to "old pervy doctor trades drugs for sex with drug addicted young patient"), and sometimes supplementary notes from textbooks are added. Things do change from year to year, cases are overturned, new cases are added, but the LSA tries its best to ensure the CANS are up to date.

What do you do with CANS? They are no substitute for reading and attending class. However, they are a great check to make sure your own notes are accurate and for preparing your own CANS (or just studying from your class notes—not everyone makes CANS). If you find a discrepancy between your notes and CANS, it is definitely worth asking a friend or the professor to clarify. Some professors may not give the clearest lectures, so you will need a guide for ensuring your own notes are on the right track. And for times when you are feeling lazy or you were out too late the night before, use CANS to get ready for class quickly.

We take submissions for CANS in the summer, from students who took the course previously, and we choose the ones we think will be most helpful to future students. Look out for the sale of CANS which will be going on soon and good luck!

## HALLS OF JUSTICE, OUTLET MALLS, AND CHICKEN FEET... OH MY!

### JESSIE (SPANKY) BACHINSKY (2L)

I spent my summer interning at the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) in Washington, DC. I heard about the internship

the majority of the summer working on cases involving the Metropolitan Police. A typical day consisted of going to court, attending pre trial conferences, and mediations.

I was fortunate enough to attend some of the more famous and infamous trials of this summer, such as the Scooter Libby trial. I also attended the infamous "Pants Case" and heard the plaintiff argue his case. For those of you unfamiliar with the case, an administrative court judge sued his drycleaner for \$54 million for losing his pants; he was definitely an interesting character! Most of the law interns I worked with were 2L's and 3L's. Our education systems are similar, with the glaring exception of no articling year in the US. Other highlights of the summer included hearing the Supreme Court

culture" of Washington. One of the key factors in becoming a true Washingtonian is learning the metro etiquette. This is especially important since the vast majority of people who work in Washington commute long distances. The ongoing joke is that no one who works in DC lives there.

On my very first day of work I made the grave mistake of standing on the wrong side of the escalator. After getting told off by some true Washingtonian, it quickly dawned on me that wearing heels was even a bigger mistake. Comfortable footwear was crucial, and I was also reluctant about punching and kicking my way to secure a seat, which was unfortunate since my commute was an hour long. By the end of the summer I had progressed to snapping at "tourists" for blocking the escalator and making me wait two more whole minutes for the next metro, adopted the flip flop etiquette for my commute, and fought for a seat like everyone else when the doors opened. The majority of my fellow interns had not met a "Canadian" before, so I tried my best to dispel many a myth and misconception. The three things that most Americans knew about Canada were that the weather is cold, we like hockey, and we say "eh" all the time (that joke never got old!).

My decision to go to Washington for the summer was not an easy one. After all, I definitely have less money than if I have stayed and worked in Edmonton (I blame the outlet malls for most of that). However, looking back, I am very glad that I decided to go as the experience was amazing. For people who may be interested in the program for next summer, you are welcome to contact me with any questions at [jessieb@ualberta.ca](mailto:jessieb@ualberta.ca).

Justices hand down decisions, going on a tour of the Pentagon, hearing speakers from Barack Obama to Hillary Clinton, and the July 4th festivities.

I was quickly integrated into the "intern

through one of Pat's Friday emails, I applied and was accepted. As is generally the case with internships, my stint was an unpaid one. However, I was able to finance the vast majority of my expenses with university scholarships and government funding. Although I was unsure of what to expect, my main concerns were the prospects of the heat, and the randomly assigned roommates. The heat did turn out to be quite oppressive at times and as for my roommates, well, let's just say they were pretty quirky (I will spare you the cringing details of my "chicken feet" story!).

Every summer thousands of interns descend upon Washington with the task of running the city from behind the scenes. There are opportunities to intern everywhere from the hill, the Federal Court, to private law firms. As one of the 800 lawyers and 75 interns employed by the OAG, I was placed in the civil litigation division, and was mentored by one of the Assistant Attorney Generals. I spent



# IT WAS THE BEST OF TIMES, IT WAS THE BEST OF TIMES

## STEPHEN HARTFIELD (1L)

It little becomes one to malign the orientation experience of the first year law student with a literary reference, and one that, even tweaked, so exceeds in diminishing the titillation, the carousing, indeed the jubilation of meeting one's peers in the most convivial circumstances. It was as if the world itself stood still, and the langour of summer abruptly overmatched by the aura of excitement, so redolent in concentration as to relieve whatever anxieties afflicted us all in leading to our congregation. Yours truly, modestly observing his stately new environs amid the assortment of some of Canada's greatest minds, saw the future of the profession of law, that noblest of enterprises, and had these encouraging observations.

### Sunday: The primacy of punctuality

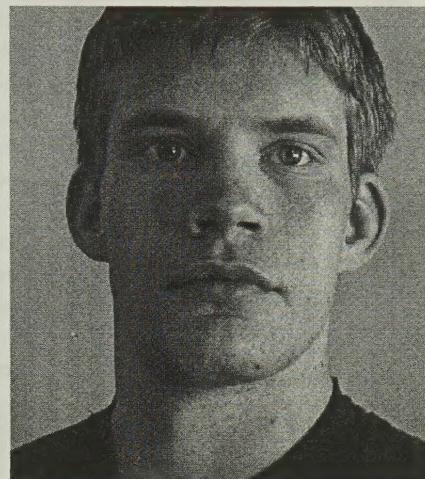
One expects little less from the future overseers of our sacred societal regulations than the strictest attention to maintaining appointments. Upon our first semi-official occasion, the discriminative interrogation of the local libations at Hudson's Tavern, this writer's erring judgement in arriving at a fashionable quarter past the commencement proved disastrous for procuring a space among the prompt. Luckily the night proved happy to all: friendships were forged, upper-year wisdom distributed, and sobriety dutifully sacked.

Condensed version: Legal success and liquor consumed vary in direct proportion and, in both, time is of the essence.

### Monday: Symbolic interaction

Very few of us, I should expect, rate ourselves highly in the arena of professional sport, much less to confronting the demands

of pin-busting or, as the modern parlance has it, bowling. So it was that we gathered at the Bonnie Doon lanes not so much in the spirit of competition, but as before in camaraderie,



and extended our mingling. Voices hoarse from overcoming the previous strident merriment became subdued and meditative as thoughts toward our engagement bent increasingly metaphysical. It was as if we were privy to a microcosm: the pins and balls representative of the clashing of chaotic forces that so epitomizes humankind's intensely warring nature, but overcome through cunning, experience, and judicious applications of spin.

Condensed Version: A corner pin split announces itself randomly, embarrassingly, but inevitably, even to the nimblest of practitioners. Like the conflicts in which we will undoubtedly become immersed, a cool head and unflinching address guide the surest resolutions. The stalwart are never shamed

into submission, and only in the province of love is victory attained with a blush.

### Tuesday: The welcomeness of work

It was of course Francis Bacon, that revolutionary thinker so integral to our methods of science and pork slenderizing who wrote that "adversity doth best discover virtue." This truism assuredly explains our whelming joy upon the recognition of the quantity of virtue the next three years would release upon us from our studies. Rather than fear, it was glee that occupied our countenances when it was announced that our examinations would be written under the supervision of foreign regimens and that, in all likelihood, for every three law students, two would receive texts laced with carbonic acid. Excitement could not be restrained, and shouts of "Huzzah!" continued to echo, even long past we made our retreat.

Condensed version: no pain, no gain.

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Yet as the dusk settled, and we adjourned to course preparation after three days of fun, the muse descended, but whose classical allusions so disserviced any adequate reflection. Filled with content for our orientation, and gratification for the welcome we received, this writer could only remark,

Never were friendships formed among so many so fast,

Never would Time's winged chariot pause so resolutely for mirth,

Never would pizza be delivered so freely, with such abundance,

Never will such innocence be reclaimed. (Seriously, those books are friggin' gimungous!)

### COMMENTS? SUGGESTIONS?

Canons would like to know what you think of this or any of our issues. We have a 'Comments Box' in the library (at least, we think it's still there), or preferably e-mail us [canons@ualberta.ca](mailto:canons@ualberta.ca).

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# MY SUMMER CONFRONTATION

ELSPETH KAISER-DERRICK (2L)

Working at the Legal Education and Reform branch of SLS made for an eye-opening and transformative summer. My beloved workmates and the kids who alternately yawned and learned their way through our Law Camps kept me laughing – such as when several kids authoritatively responded “God!” to our “Who makes laws?” query. While I have loved the summer in its entirety, I have been profoundly affected by the outreaches we do at homeless shelters and drop-in centres for the impoverished community.

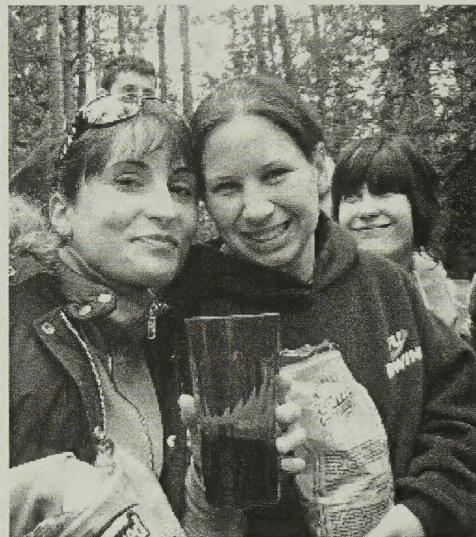
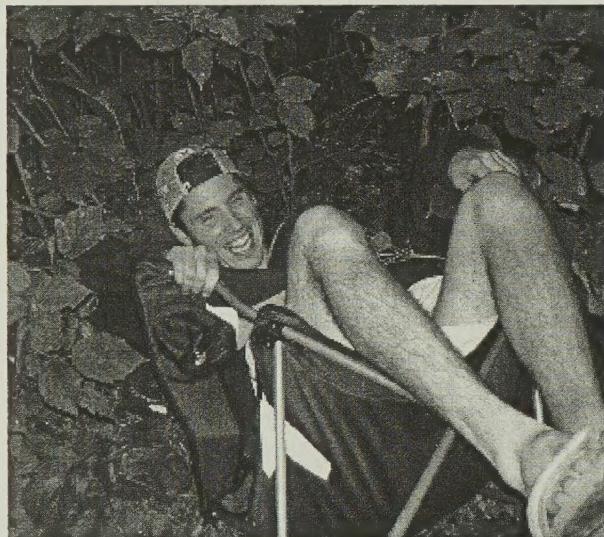
One of my regular outreaches was the Herb Jamieson Centre, an emergency shelter for men, many of whom are in programs to overcome substance abuse. I also attended Kindred House (K-House), a space

premised on harm reduction for female and transgendered prostitutes. At all outreaches we tried to cultivate a supportive atmosphere in which people can pose legal questions and feel someone is listening.

I found myself feeling jarred and heartbroken at outreaches because the people I met were struggling along or were outside the margins of society. Simultaneously I was overwhelmed, as despite being unequally positioned and having access to different resources, we were still able to connect on some level.

I have never felt so “confronted by humanity” in the way that I have this summer. The people I met have had everything stripped away – often both material possessions as well as hope. These survivors persevere

with humour, resilience, and compassion. From the man directing his friend to “reserve a seat for two by the window” at the Herb cafeteria, to the woman slathering uncooked cookie dough onto freshly baked cookies at K-House, to the homeless man offering us his only doughnut, I was privileged to have worked with this cross-section of society. The experience has cemented for me the power of a law degree, and the responsibility it carries.



PICTURES TAKEN FROM THE ANNUAL STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES SUMMER CAMPING TRIP

## SLS LANDLORD LECTURE

SARAH DARGATZ (3L)

- Did you know that if you move out of an apartment you *do not* have to pay for general steam cleaning?
- Did you know that if you are late paying your rent, your landlord *cannot* charge you a penalty?
- Did you know that your rent can only be raised *once* a year but that there is *no limit* as to how much it is raised?
- Did you know that if you are roommates with your landlord you are *not* technically protected by the Residential Tenancy Act?
- Did you know that *only* time a tenant can withhold rent is when they have not been given a copy of their tenancy agreement?

Many people, including law students, do not know their rights when it comes to renting a place to live in Alberta. Many of the questions and files that Student Legal Services deals with in the Civil Office are related to landlord and tenant issues. As many students rent, this is an issue close to the hearts of students.

SLS, along with the Legal Resource Centre, is hosting a Landlord and Tenant Information Session on October 17<sup>th</sup> in the hopes of educating UofA students on their rights and responsibilities as tenants. If you answered “no” to any of the questions above, please attend! The session takes place at 7:00 pm in the Engineering Teaching and Learning Centre (ETLC) room 1-003.

**SLS Pro Bono Project  
presents:**

**THE HONOURABLE  
CHIEF JUSTICE  
WACHOWICH**

**OCTOBER 9TH  
12:00pm  
Room 237**

# FEELINGS ABOUT FIRST YEAR - NOT REALLY IMPORTANT?

ALICE WONG (3L)

When I found out that the topic for the first issue of Canons was 'first-years', the first thought that popped into my head was "Hmm...why can't I remember how I felt just two years ago?"

I remember going to the Open House in the summer, physically walking into class on the first day and trying to write a cheque for my casebooks against the wall - heck, I even remember every time Oguri Shun smiles in Hana-Kimi (hey, if Navid can write about Harry Potter, I am going to plug j-dramas for all I'm worth). But despite much reflection and many bowls of ice-cream, I cannot tell you how I felt during those moments.

What I can tell you is that no matter how nervous I may have been about doing well or how stressed out I felt when fanatically trying to remember as much information about each case as possible in the event that I got called on in class, all of that fades away. What is left are the memories of friends just



goofing around in the hallways in between classes, partying it up at Hudsons, and just studying together in classrooms after the library closes during exam period when it is

snowing and pitch black outside. This law school is a good place with good people, and although everyone has different feelings walking into first year, that is something tangible.

All that unusually sentimental musing aside, yes, law school is hard because everyone around you really is incredibly smart, there is a lot of reading, and 100% exams are probably one of the most sadistic creations in the history of education. However, when you look back on it, these three years are actually fun. Most things usually are.

So just relax, get to know people and work hard. When I consider the fact that in just 10 months time I will be expected to grow up and work the 9 to 5 like every other adult (okay, more like 7 to 7), then sitting in class and studying for a few hours everyday sounds pretty sweet, right?

## WELCOME TO HOGWARTS

NAVID NIKOU (2L)

So it is finally here; the beginning of your law school life. Sure, the vast majority of you have already been to university before, but attending law school is like nothing you've ever experienced before, well, with the obvious exception of junior high of course! I was recently musing about the perfect analogy for attending law school and the best I could come up with was being cast into the mystical and treacherous depths of the Harry Potter universe.

The plunge begins with the wrath of Kim Wilson's sorting hat, as it places you in the Hufflepuff, Gryffindor, or maybe even the dreaded Slytherin section (we hated those smug bastards last year!). As for the Ravenclaw section, no one has seen them since the orientation! The going theory is that they are permanently trapped on the third floor of the Law Centre. You will also notice that some of your professors bear more than a passing resemblance to some of the teachers at Hogwarts. Some of you may want to keep a close eye on your foundations professor!

Chances are you're still feeling as bewildered as the first year students getting off the Hogwart Express. But hopefully you were reassured about your life changing decision after Headmaster Dumbledore, ....er, Dean Percy's speech! It is unfortunately true

that you will not get an owl, a broomstick, nor a wand, but at least you do get an Osler bag!

You will undoubtedly feel like Ron Weasley at some point in first year, but don't fret, we've all been there. In fact there will be times where you'll be begging for an invisibility cloak (I would have killed for one during my moot!).

you'll be instantly enraged by the mere sight of muggles taking up your precious study space in the law library. Damn those bloody muggles and their chemistry textbooks! You may come across a couple of snotty kids like Malfoy, but luckily the vast majority of people in our law family are more like Hagrid, especially

Steve at Hello My Friend Café.

The language probably feels as foreign as an expelliarmus spell, but you will all be making nerdy law jokes with your classmates by the end of the month. In fact, you'll be having difficulty relating to mugglespeak before you know it.

Still not convinced? Then how do you explain the fact that much like Hogwarts the third floor of the Law Centre is also forbidden to us students? Not to mention the moving staircases in our building. I distinctly remember seeing them one night when I was cutting through the Law Centre on my way home from one of our pub-crawls!

So welcome aboard, and although your experience may not end up as magical as attending Hogwarts, I promise you it will be just as memorable.

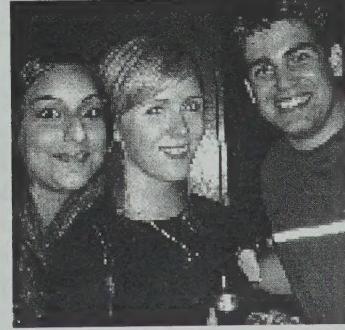
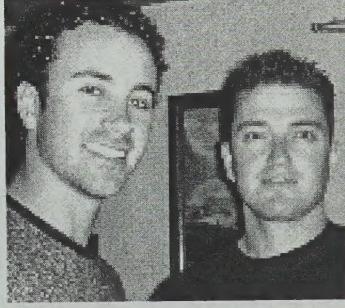
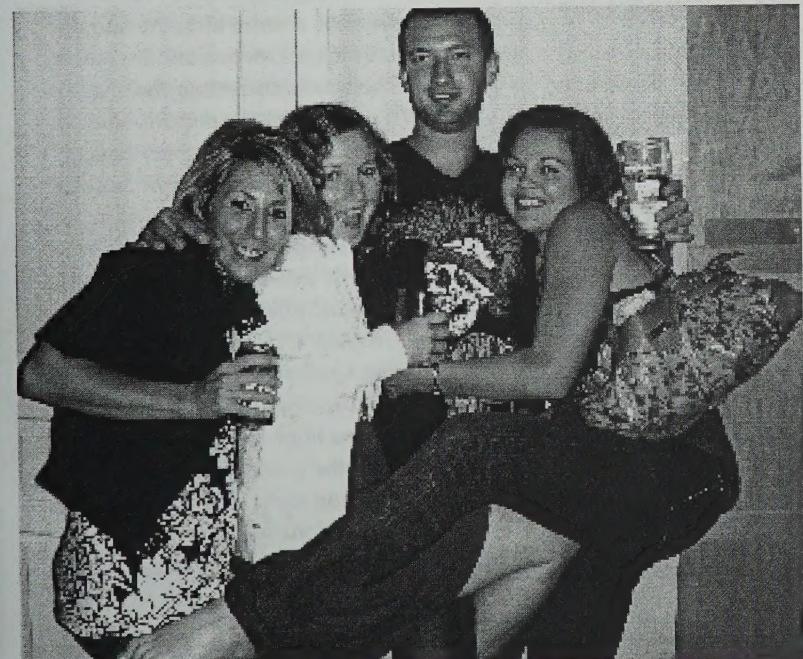
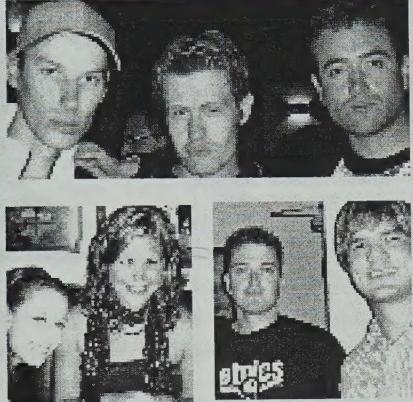
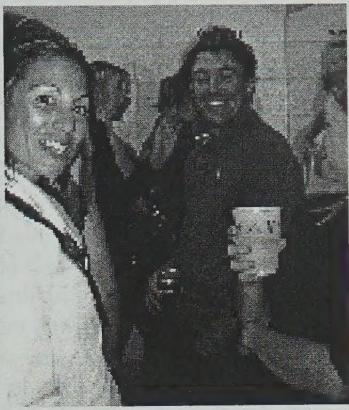


Although you may feel like an outsider right now, you'll all blend in soon enough. You probably do not even know your way around the library, but before you know it

# SEPTEMBER



# EVENTS



# THE QUIMBY CHALLENGE

## LEE SATVEIT (2L)

Have you ever gone to a party, club, bar, or been in some other social situation where for whatever reason (usually alcohol), you made an ass of yourself, or did something similarly embarrassing? The next day, after your hangover started to subside, did you ever try to console yourself with the fact that at least you would not have to see most of those people ever again? Well, be aware, that is no longer an option in law school.

Think of law school as akin to high school or junior high. Chances are, in fact, that prior to reading this article you have already had an odd feeling that you've been transported back via some Bill & Ted-esque phone booth into the awkward realm of Jr. High. Similarities between law school and secondary school abound.

The most noticeable and immediate change is the cohort system. Instead of planning your own schedule and heading off to various classes in various buildings with people from various faculties and departments (as you did in undergrad), first-year law students are divided into three sections and your classmates are the same in every single class you take. This is exactly what life was like in Jr. High, except you do not have a homeroom. (Note: If you haven't been following the same herd of classmates around the last few weeks, I have some bad news for you – you've been going to the wrong classes.)

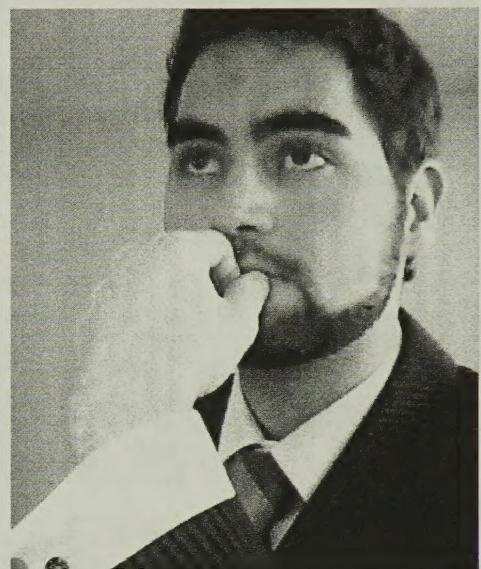
Unlike undergrad, the sheer numbers are

smaller in Law School, and this is another reason for your feelings of "high schooliness", a term I just now coined. The faculty consists of approximately 500 students, whereas the University as a whole has over 35,000 students. On top of this, almost all law classes occur within the Law Centre, most law students study in the law library, and due to the bitter weather of Edmonton, most law students choose to eat lunch in HUB which is attached by a pedway. Law students eat, attend class, study, and even buy our textbooks in different areas than students in other faculties. In addition, we have our own student groups, volunteer activities, and even our own sports activities. Thus, we are geographically and culturally isolated in and around the Law Centre. Unless you make a conscious effort to break out of this "law zone", the Law Centre basically becomes our own little high school, complete with a student government, elections, and even a prom (Carbolic Smoke Ball).

The above factors are hugely important because they make law students a very close-knit group of people. Like high school, we are a relatively small group of people in a small space faced with similar challenges, and numerous social opportunities. Thankfully, unlike high school there are no major divisions, cliques, or hormone-spiked levels of animosity. Our similar interests and increased

maturity outweigh any negative effects due to our differences, and law school is therefore an awesome experience. However, you should be aware that, if you make an ass of yourself, every law student is going to know. So, as Mayor Quimby said, "may all your disgraces be private."

If this advice comes too late for you, then take solace in the fact that your fellow students are also, at heart, a forgiving bunch, and you will probably be laughing about your indiscretions within a few days. If not, just bury your head in your Magnate or Property reader.



## LIFE AS AN OUTLAW

### CONOR SMITH (2L)



When I was accepted to the U of A Faculty of Law, I had very little personal exposure to Alberta and what I thought I knew made me uneasy. I was nervous about what kind of environment Edmonton would be for a young, gay man. Would there be other gay people in the school? Was there a gay community in Edmonton? What was it like? Would I feel comfortable there? Many other Law Schools had student organizations directed at these questions and other issues relating to queer law students. However, the U of A did not.

On a bit of a leap of faith, I came to Edmonton and found that even without "le village gai", Church and Wellesley, or Davie St., Edmonton had a vibrant gay community and the Faculty of Law at the University of Alberta was a safe and welcoming environment for gay students. As classes began and people started settling in, I came to know other queer kids in the Faculty. Some of them expressed having had similar anxieties before coming. We decided to do something about it.

For the first time this year, students at the University of Alberta Faculty of Law will have a student organization representing and promoting the interests of queer students within the faculty. The name of this group is OutLaw Alberta.

OutLaw's fundamental goal is to provide visibility for gay students in the Law School, and to foster an environment of inclusion and respect. By doing this, we hope to send a message to current and prospective students that the Faculty of Law is a welcoming space for people from different backgrounds and experiences, and in particular for queer students.

Merely because you do not identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or otherwise, does not mean you can't be part of the fun! OutLaw is for all students and faculty interested in the promotion of a more inclusive and diverse community in the Law School. Everyone is welcome. This school community belongs to all of us and it is our collective responsibility to make it a better place for each and every student.

Here is an idea of some things you can look for from OutLaw this year. In September, we will be having a meet-and-greet at a local watering hole known as Hudson's. It will be a very casual affair. As the semester moves along, look for a movie screening of C.R.A.Z.Y. This Quebecois film is my all time favourite, and something I think everyone will enjoy. We also hope to develop ties with gay members of the professional legal community in Edmonton to serve as resources for students with questions and concerns about how they may fit into that working world.

So come on out and support OutLaw! For more information, feel free to contact Conor at [cbsmith@ualberta.ca](mailto:cbsmith@ualberta.ca).

## 'I'VE MADE A HUGE MISTAKE'; MY SUMMER JOB IN THE LAW CENTER SUMMER LANE (2L)

Only fans of the short-lived cultural miracle that was Arrested Development can truly appreciate the power of the statement: 'I've made a huge mistake'. It's a recurring line expressing – among other things- the regret to find oneself trapped with no hope of escape, recognition of lost romantic opportunities, realization of being in way over one's head

... Not unlike the range of emotion I went through as a summer research assistant for the health law institute (HLI). I accepted the position and was briefly euphoric until I realized I would be working in the library, mere meters from where I studied all year, 'trapped, with no hope of escape'. This is not entirely true. We were given the option to work from home, which I tried once

or twice with disastrous results. Only within the confines of the library could I find the self-discipline to read legislation while the sun shone outside. And once you are in the library – especially on the third floor- it really is a long walk to get out. So there you have it, a de facto prison.

As for romantic opportunities, maybe "lost" is the wrong word. How about "severely circumscribed". During exams, the library is flirt-central, especially for those not actually in law (whose exams require "bubbling in"



circles). This was definitely not exam period; the librarian to patron ratio held steady around 1, except when Alberta Law Review applicants breezed through. If you want a campus-based law job but a summer romance is on your to-do list, maybe check out SLS instead.

But had such opportunities existed, I could not have handled the distraction. Without question I was in way over my head. The opportunity to work with the caliber of

academics in the HLI brought on a new kind of 'whoa' moment for me. I really wanted to believe they were kidding when they gave feedback like, "don't tell me what I already know", because they know a lot. At times I wondered if there was a light at the end of the tunnel, or if there was any light at all. Then I realized that the darkness was only the librarians turning off the lights early to encourage speedy exiting at closing

time. (Turns out, they don't want to be in the library during the summer either!)

Are you forming the impression that I loved my job? No?! Well, I absolutely did. In fact, this article is my attempt to keep you from competing for it next year. The people at the HLI are amazing both for their smarts and their incredibly varied talents and interests. The work is diverse, interesting, controversial and you are provided with enough freedom and gentle pressure to really get into it. Your research project will most likely contribute to

publication and create opportunities for you to travel to conferences in places not served exclusively by WestJet.

Working at the HLI is awesome. In a 550-word article, it was much easier to joke about my pretend complaints about the job than to list all the reasons why I thought it was great. If you want to know more about it, feel free to ask me. I'll be in the library.

### Remaining September Events

Sept 24  
**LSA Election Week**

Sept 25  
**Resume & Cover Letter Seminar 1-2 @ 237**

Sept 28  
**Toronto Summer OCI @ U of C**

Sept 29  
**U of A vs. UBC/U of C Rugby Game**

Sept 30  
**Run for the Cure**

in the justice system, and in politics. The Club has ties to L.E.A.F. and N.A.W.L. (National Association of Women and the Law). The Women's Law Forum is committed to promoting the discussion of the barriers facing women in law, with a view to supporting changes for the future. The club achieves this by holding general club meetings and executive meetings, discussing issues of interest, hosting guest speakers, organizing social events, and hosting a holiday party for charity.

Our first guest speaker is Libby Davies, an MP from Vancouver, along with two guests from the Prostitution Awareness and Action Foundation of Edmonton who will speak on

prostitution and the law on Friday September 14 at noon in room 231. Members can also look forward to the 'Women in Government' event in March where students get the opportunity to job shadow a female MLA or city councillor for the day. We have an exciting year planned full of events organized by our enthusiastic executive, which currently consists of six members with two spaces available for first year representatives. If you are interested in joining or have any questions about the club please email us at [wlf@ualberta.ca](mailto:wlf@ualberta.ca) or visit our website at [www.ualberta.ca/~wlf](http://www.ualberta.ca/~wlf).



## WOMEN'S LAW FORUM

### ALEXANDRA COCKS(2L)

The Women's Law Forum is one of the most active and visible clubs at the Faculty of Law. We help to provide law students with

opportunities to explore issues of interest to women in the law and women's relationships to the law within our profession, our community,

# MOOTING ESSENTIALS

## SHEENA OWENS (2L)

For those of you in 1L, congratulations, you have made it and have survived your first two weeks of classes. By now you have probably already felt the agonizing pain of a three hour LRW session, which also means that you have discovered the dreaded mandatory moot at the end of first year law. Just the mention of those few words brings on heavy breathing and tightly clenched fists.

The first year moot, like any culture's torturous rituals (think tribal circumcision) is something that you will learn to embrace. You will spend your entire year getting worked up about it, and then thirty grueling minutes later, it will be over and you can begin to breathe again. Like any ritual participant you will undergo a traumatic experience and afterwards you will feel a sense of pride and dignity. At this point you will have become "the man" for lack of a better expression.

In my LRW class, it was jokingly mentioned that one of my fellow students may have to turn to alcohol to get through his or her moot. Of course he or she will remain anonymous, because as we all know that is what the second A stands for. In addition to substance abuse, there were also myths circulating about a student who missed her moot completely and another about a previous mooter who fainted while presenting his or her arguments. Abnormally, I was not afraid of completing my first year moot. In fact, if you asked any of my peers, they may say

that I was overeager to get in the courtroom. Naturally, when Professor Gall suggested that we attend the Clinton J. Ford Moot competition to see what the process was all about, I anxiously awaited the date to see the experienced 3Ls in action.

Yes, I remember it well, the day was



February 14<sup>th</sup>, Valentine's Day, and what better way to be festive than making love to the law! A few friends and I had a romantic fluorescent light dinner at Edo in HUB, and then enthusiastically proceeded to the Moot Courtroom to watch the spectacle. (Yes, I realize how sad this story is, but such is the life of a single law student).

Oh, how my eagerness dissipated! The Chief Justice, whose name I cannot recall, completely shattered any confidence that I had built up. I watched the appellants and respondents make their (what I perceived to be) clever arguments, only to be interrupted mid sentence by an older aged lady

who wore her glasses far too low on her nose. She would peer out the top of her bifocals and challenge any statement that was made. She asked tricky and long winded questions while raising her eyebrows and wrinkling her forehead. She huffed and puffed (and blew the house down?) and demanded the participants to get to the point. She scared the living \$%#@ out of me.

I finally understood what my peers were talking about, I finally understood the anxiety. There is however one enormous benefit to being afraid to make an ass out of one's self—you will prepare like hell. I rehearsed my opening arguments, read over cases, highlighted, underlined, tabbed, and drove myself crazy until I knew my side of the case inside and out.

Of course, when the day of my moot came, I made it about two minutes into my case before the judge grilled me like a well done steak. It did not matter. I knew my case, I convinced myself that I was in the right, and I argued like hell no matter what was asked of me. Here is the crucial point to take away—I am still alive, and in good academic standing to tell you all about it.

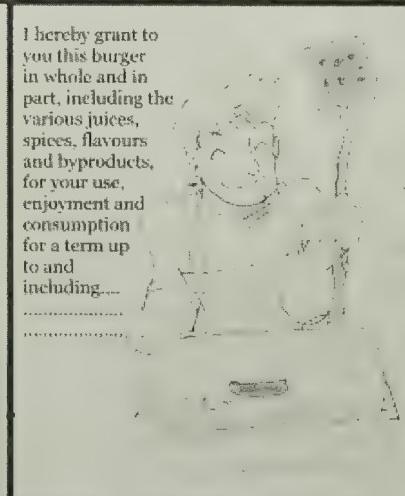
That's right 1Ls, you can make it, just as I have and live to tell the tale of the first year moot to incoming students. Just be sure that when the day of your moot arrives that you chew lots of gum to cover the smell of Kokanee on your breath!

\*\*Editor's note: Sheena is still single and looking for better offers for next Valentine's day\*\*

At the Dean's Barbeque...



I hereby grant to  
you this burger  
in whole and in  
part, including the  
various juices,  
spices, flavours  
and byproducts,  
for your use,  
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# LAW'S A BEACH

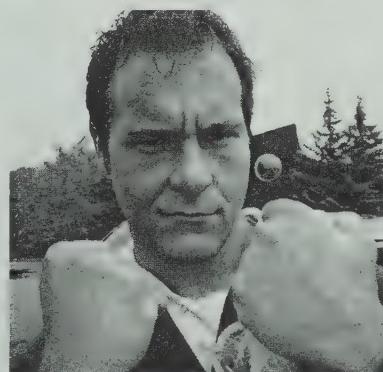


## WHO ARE THE GOLDEN BEARRISTERS? MATT KACHUR (3L)

With every new school year comes another Rugby season. While it is true our season is very short and we only usually play a couple of games, I've learned that Rugby at U of A Law has so much more to offer. Not only have I learned a lot about the game, more importantly I have met some great guys on the team from all years.

This year we will be hosting the *Western Canadian Law Rugby Championship Tournament*. This tournament has been something we have been trying to create for a little while, and this year will mark its first official year. We already have confirmation of attendance from UBC and UofC with USASK and UVIC being potential participants. For those that want to play or watch come out on Saturday September 29th. We will also be hosting, in partnership with the girls team, a pub crawl after-party which welcomes everyone from the participating schools.

The culmination of our season will take



place on October 13th: The Alumni-fest weekend. This weekend brings alumni from different parts of Canada to get together and play in a grueling match against our current team. This annual event brings out various law school participants including our very own Dean who traditionally referees the event.

While there will be some great rugby action in the coming month, our club is first

and foremost a social club. We typically go for refreshments after practice and traditionally throw a Fashion Show Rugby FABS in November. In addition, every year the men's team goes on a trip. Last year we went to Vancouver, and this year we are headed to Las Vegas in February.

We expect guys to try their hardest on the field, but EVERYONE is welcome whether or not they have any rugby experience or athletic ability. If you have zero experience and are out of shape, you would fit in nicely as long as you are willing to try. We practice every Tuesday and Thursday (5:30-7:00) at Windsor Park Fields (118st-87ave) from now until mid October. There is also the women's team that welcomes all skill and experience levels.

We hope to see you on the field, at the pub crawl, our fashion show and cheering fellow law students as they play a fun, challenging and exciting sport.

## GET IN THE GAME

### KATY HOLLAND (3L)

You can feel it in the air-- the tension and excitement building to the point you can't think of anything else... your heart starts to race and your breath comes short... you get nervous just thinking about it and you find yourself daydreaming in class... Some would say, "Love is in the Air", and they wouldn't be far off-- that's right: It's almost hockey season!!!

While most people wouldn't exactly describe Don Cherry as "dreamy", we wait in anxious anticipation for the first Coach's Corner of the season and the puck drop that starts it all over again. I don't claim to be the craziest hockey fan around (because someone would want to arm-wrestle me for it), but I love watching the games and getting caught up in the excitement of a good season. And, in the past few years, I've upped the ante on my hockey-fan status and tried my



hand at playing! This year marks my second year on the "Swift Justice" Women's Law Hockey Team, and I can't wait to hit the ice!

As anyone who attended our games last year can attest, the team is all about having a

good time. We are a real mix of girls who have played competitively, girls who played ringette, and those of us who had never played before. The one thing we all have in common is a good attitude and easy laughs! You do not need any experience and all equipment (other than skates and a stick) is provided by Campus Recreation for free! We are also very thankful to Bryan & Company LLP for sponsoring a gorgeous new set of team jerseys for us!

So, if you've ever wondered what it feels like to take a slapshot (personally, I'm still wondering...), then come check us out! Sign-up now on the sports bulletin board or come cheer us on for a game if you're still unsure.

But you'd better start training now because your cheek muscles will be sore from all the laughing and smiling! See you on the ice!

## FLEX YOUR SOCIAL MUSCLE

### ALISON SMITH (2L)

First years, you may have heard from sources, either a wizened upper year law student or a battle weary articling student, that your law school experience will remind you of the good ole' days of high school. I totally second that opinion. So, if you recall your high school days I know the next question will be, 'how do I become the coolest kid in my year?' Because that is about all that matters in high school (read: law school). Well I have the answer my friends: join the law rugby team.

While this might sound intimidating and may be greeted with the response 'well I've never played rugby/ contact sports' or 'I'm fragile, no way' or 'that sounds complicated' let me tell you - none of these concerns are an obstacle.

The first step is to sign up for the women's or men's team at the Clubs Fair on September 11<sup>th</sup>. This is also the first step to being the coolest first year since you'll be commingling with the upper years and therefore gain some 'street cred' through association. If I learned anything from high school it was pretending to be friends with older kids was a great place to start your social assent.

Then there is that whole deal with 'practices' and 'learning the rules of the game', which

are all synonymous with 'learning to talk the talk, and walk the walk' (again, like high school). It probably does not hurt that a significant portion of the people on the team will have never touched a rugby ball and perhaps never played organized sports so everyone is in the same boat.

One of the greatest benefits that joining the rugby team will contribute to your social status is the involvement in first-rate social activities: the rugby pub-crawl (tickets on sale now) and the alumni weekend. The pub-crawl is the pinnacle of first semester events and is a chance to really flex your 'I'm on the rugby team' social muscle. You will get to mix with the girls/ guys teams and the men's UBC rugby team as well (come on ladies, you see where I am going here). Despite this seeming to be the ultimate social payoff for joining the illustrious Golden Bearrisers or Panda Bearrisers, there is still more!

The whole objective of the rugby team is to create a team of dazzling students to put the alumni to shame in the Alumni vs. Panda/ Golden Bearrisers on Alumni weekend. This is where the real perks of joining the team come into play - you get to meet and tackle alumni - what better way to

make a first impression on a future employer!

So as you can see, your social position will be solidified, if not as the coolest kid in school, as pretty cool at least by joining the rugby team. See you on the pitch!



# GET IN THE GAME

## KATY HOLLAND (3L)

With back to school comes the inevitable (and extremely enjoyable!) onslaught of welcome back parties and reunion festivities. While it is great to see everyone again and always fun to meet the new crop, these nights out can leave you with more than just a bad hangover and some embarrassing stories... that's right: Back-to-school Belly Bulge.

Many try to combat it with fall resolutions to hit the gym, but law school offers so many more exciting treadmill alternatives!

As a perk of your LSA membership, you get FREE participation in all campus recreation team intramurals! There's something for everyone's taste, from soccer and basketball to inner tube waterpolo (so much fun!). There are teams of all skill levels and experience, so you can come out just for fun or to scratch that competitive itch (similar to jock rash...or so I hear). These teams are a great opportunity to meet new people and even venture outside the



law building!! And it is all brought right to your doorstep as your friendly neighbourhood VP Sports posts all of the Sign-ups and Schedules on the LSA bulletin board for you.

As constant multi-taskers, law students have mastered the knack for combining back-to-school celebrations with sporting events! The first month of school sees some of the best events of the year with the El Hacko golf tournament, FABS, and the Law's a Beach softball tournament. Law Rugby and Friday afternoon hockey are only a few of many other ways to get active, with no experience necessary.

If organized sports aren't really your style, there are still lots of options to stave off the beer belly. You can wander over to the Van Vliet Cen-

tre and check out your chiseled schoolmates in the weight room, 2 pools, squash courts and a running track. There are also wrestling rooms and gyms available for use throughout the day if you need to relieve some study stress. Or you can take advantage of the

few remaining days before the snow flies and enjoy the beautiful running trails in the River Valley. This is great training for the upcoming Run-for-the-Cure and Turkey Trot races!

With this many options for getting involved and active there is something for everyone. Even those who prefer "spectator sports" can feel the adrenaline high as they cheer on their hockey pool... or better yet, the Law hockey teams!

### UPCOMING SPORTS:

**El Hacko Golf Tournament** (Fri Sept. 21); Sign up Now!

**Co-Rec Volleyball** (M-Th Oct 9-Dec 5); Sign up starts Sept 17

**Turkey Trot** (Sept 22); Sign up at Campus Rec office starting Sept 10

**Men's Hockey** (Sun/M-Th Sept 30-April); Sign up Now!

**Women's Hockey** (Sun/M-Th Oct-Dec 5); Sign up Now!

**Women's Basketball** (M-Th Oct 22-Dec 5); Sign up starts Sept 25

**Men's Basketball** (M-Th Oct 15-Dec 5); Sign up starts Sept 25

**Men's La Fac Ball Hockey** (M/W/Sat, Oct 15-March); Sign up starts Sept 25

**CIBC Run for the Cure** (Sept 30)

## TORTFEASORS HOCKEY

### ROBBIE MCCULLOCH (2L)

Hockey was once described as being better than rugby. Many of you agree with this statement, but then again a few of you might be upset...case closed. For those of you wanting to learn more about our hockey club continue reading. The Tortfeasors are a division one hockey team that participates in the U of A's intramurals program. Our games are held at the University's Clare Drake Arena. The arena is always packed with cheering and screaming fans... maybe. In addition to these games, we host the annual Western Canadian Law Hockey Championships in January. In previous years this tournament has attracted four Universities (University of Saskatchewan, University

of Manitoba, University of British Columbia, the University of Victoria) and an Alumni team



from the U of A. We are looking to add the University of Calgary this year. Following this event, we play an Alumni game in Red Deer which allows players to network with practicing lawyers, and allows the players on the team to get to know each other better. You probably saw us at the BBQ with the rugby boys trying to get your support. We were at the table with the bigger trophy and the more attractive guys. Following the clubs fair, we hosted a social event on Friday. We want to thank everyone for coming out and showing their support. We would also like to remind players to come out to Friday hockey every week at 2:45. Players of all skill levels are welcome. This is also an invitation to girls to come out and play as well. See you on the ice!

## LAW SHOW MORGAN QUINN (3L)



I am sure this issue of Canons is full of welcomes for both new and returning students, so I will save you reading more of the same. As theatrical director for this year's Law Show, I will instead give you all a brief overview of what Law Show is and why joining this group

will be one of the best decisions you will make during your 3 (or more) years here.

Basically, Law Show is a charity variety show put on by law students consisting of singing, dancing, acting, and musical performances. In the past, a variety of formats have been experimented with. For example, in the last two years, "The Attorney's Choice Awards" and "L.A.W. Confidential" have explored the seedy worlds of awards shows and kidnapping mysteries respectively. The show is always extremely well attended, and raises a great deal of money for our selected charity. This year, we are continuing our support of the Edmonton School Lunch Program's Nutrition Snack Program. Last year we fundraised over \$27,000 for this group, and we would like to continue to show this level of support for our community.

I had the pleasure of speaking to a number of first years at the First Friday Back Party, and the main question asked was "I pretty much suck at anything creative, and don't really know how to sing, dance, act, and can only marginally play an instrument, can I still join Law Show?" The answer, as you may have suspected, is a resounding yes. Law Show is not about egos or professional theatre. Our primary goal is to put on a fun performance that entertains both us and our audience. You will soon discover that most of us have very little training. Do not let your own lack of experience deter you. It is expected, and who knows, you may find a hidden talent you had no idea existed! If you think your talents are more suited to behind the scenes work, we always need volunteers to help with the production side, including our annual and highly successful Silent Auction.

If you did not get the chance to speak to reps from Law Show at the Clubs Day, please feel free to contact either myself (Theatrical) at [mquinn@ualberta.ca](mailto:mquinn@ualberta.ca) or Jessica Campbell (Production) at [jmc19@ualberta.ca](mailto:jmc19@ualberta.ca). I look forward to meeting you all at the first rehearsal on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 at 7pm in room 105.



## CARBOLIC SMOKE BALL NATASHA DUBÉ(2L)

Every year, the Law Students' Association (LSA) organizes dozens of various activities, from the more social events like Friday Afternoon Beer Socials (FABS) to different charity endeavors. No activity is as big as the Carbolic Smoke Ball, the crowning achievement in a slew of extracurricular activities.

This winter ball, which will be held on February 14, 2008, takes its name from a very famous Contract Law case upper years know well, and first years will soon learn all about. *Carllill v Carbolic Smoke Ball Company* is an English case from 1893 that helped shape the nature of contract law, but then again you have all already learned about the details in your contract class.

The Faculty of Law's Carbolic Ball is a grandiose celebration that is held annually at the Crowne Plaza - Chateau Lacombe in downtown Edmonton. While all law students are allowed to bring a guest, it is not a requirement, and in the past some students have preferred going simply with a group of their law school friends. The event itself consists of a meal (optional), dancing, and the presentation of videos created by some very artistic law students. A number of students also choose the option of renting a room in the Chateau at the LSA discount

price, in order to store their belongings and pass out due to intox...I mean exhaustion.

There will be more information popping up about Carbolic in the next few months as the event approaches. Here are a few tips to leave you with until next time:

**DO** wear comfortable shoes, you will need them on the dance floor.

**DON'T** dance without shoes on the floor, it is gross. Bringing a pair of flip flops is a viable alternative.

**DO** dress up in a suit or dress, it is a formal after all.

**DON'T** spend a thousand dollars on your outfit. Limiting yourself to stores like BCBG may lead you to purchase the same dress as three other girls, for example. Facebook will have proof of this the next day.

**DO** bring a date if you are in a relationship, or you have a friend who is a guaranteed good date.

**DON'T** bring someone for the sake of not being alone. You will be restricted, and will not have as good of a time.

And finally, **DO** plan to have a great time, and plead with your professors to give you the Friday off, you will need it!



# HE SAYS/SHE SAYS

PHIL DU HEAUME (3L) & WENDY WANG (2L)

**Help! I hooked up  
with another student at the  
First Friday Back party.  
What should I do?**

**He Says:** So, your first foray into the incestuous world of law school resulted in a little post-party "cuddling". Nice work. Let's just hope you had the common decency to keep it off the bus... No? Didn't think so.

Throughout the year you will likely be told that one's reputation is of the utmost importance in the practice of law. You will also be told that your reputation begins here at law school. I know what you're thinking right now; "Nobody saw, nobody knows." But it's just not that easy anymore. Your peers are all better listeners than you and they actually took the "reputation starts now" message to heart. The only problem is that they understood it to mean that specifically *your* reputation is of the utmost importance. Despite your best ef-

forts, everybody already knows what you did. They're all talking about it... even the bus driver.

With that in mind, you better have put on a respectable post-party performance. The only thing that would be worse than having people think you're a man-whore is having people know that you're not even good at it. So live large, playboy. For the first time since you walked into the wrong bathroom at Arby's there are more girls than guys in the room.

I mean, let's be honest dude, you're not a good catch. You're simply benefiting from 2 fundamental rules of economics. Scarcity leads to demand and booze leads to good decision-making. If you're going to start a reputation, Friday nights are as good as any. Just don't earn the reputation of having something to feel sheepish about on Saturday mornings.

**She Says:** I'm not sure I see the problem here. I thought the whole point of coming to law school was to secure a single man of marriageable prospects!

So, congratulations on finding your soulmate – a monumental task, but one hand-

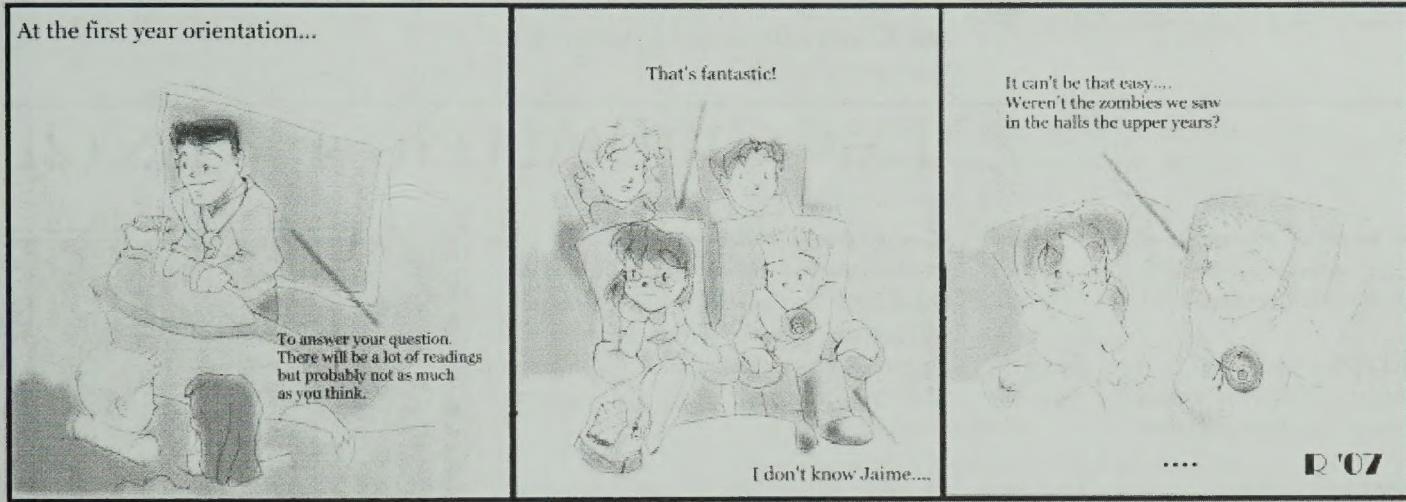
ily achieved with a bottle of gin and lowered expectations. With luck, your future spouse (feel free to introduce him/her as such among your classmates!) is in all the same classes as you. What better way to foster the flames of burning passion that were ignited that fateful Friday night than to see your "legal lobster" (feel free to refer him/her as such the next time you cross paths!) 24/7, in a high-pressure, fast-paced academic environment?

On second thought, ladies, perhaps you should consider dropping the career act altogether. That phase in your life of studying Charter rights and mastering torts is over; it's time to embrace the world of seating charts and monogrammed towels. Now that your financial future has been secured, you can finally unwind and stay at home popping out little Loblaws. Let the men bask in their high-fiving glory at school and remain the envy of their foosball buddies.

As for the rest of us, we can only hope to be as lucky as you one day. But for now, our only recourse is the esteemed lawyersinlove.com... although there is always the next FABS.

COMICS BY RYAN MCFARLANE (3L)

At the first year orientation...



Over there is the Moot Court room  
And next we'll take a tour through  
the library



This is the  
John A.  
Weir  
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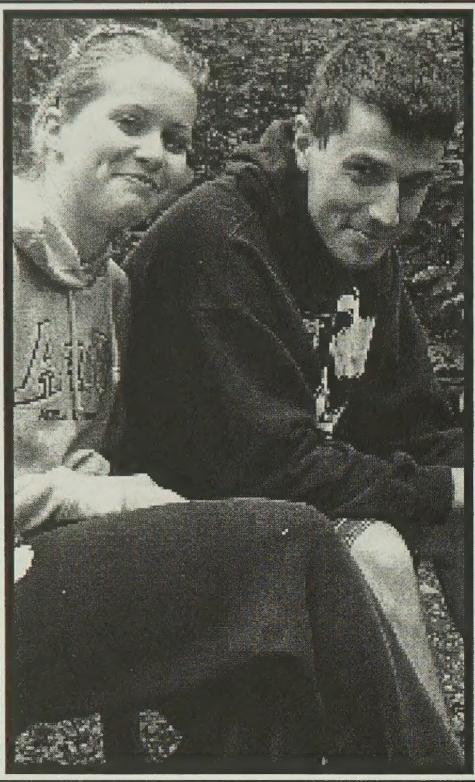
Bring plenty of salt!



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# LAW GUY: GREG PROPERZI (2L)

PROBING THE STUDENT BODY BY:  
KERRY GREER



**What do you like best about Hello My Friend Café?** Steve and I are both farmers so we had some excellent conversations about our shared occupation.

**If a crazy scientist was going to implant a prof's head onto your shoulders, which prof would you want it to be?** I would like to be one of the criminal sessional lecturers because they get to litigate many of the highest level cases in Edmonton.

**Any words of advice for all the newbies?** Work as hard as you can. You aren't as smart as you think you are.

**Would you rather go to school dressed only in saran wrap or flunk foundations?** I would rather go dressed in saran wrap because I believe the human body is a beautiful thing.

**What is the first thing you'll do when you graduate law school?** Buy my family farm and go home with my soon to be wife Krystan and start working on having 11 children.

**Any secret talents?** I can drive a tractor up and down a field in an extremely straight line for weeks on end and be extremely happy.

**Worst moment in 1L?** When a judge thought that I was the accused at the start of my first trial in SLS.

**If you could do-over one moment in your life, what would it be?** I would go back and change my decision to go to law school. Perhaps I should have gone into adult entertainment.

**Why did the U of A let you in?** The law school had to meet their quota of DFK (dumb farm kids)

**Are you learning to love our craft?** Yes, I think DeCoste would be proud. I work Sundays.

# LAW GIRL: ALLISON ROSS (2L)

**Any words of advice for all the newbies?** Become accustomed to coffee...and drink it with reckless abandon.

**Rock, paper, scissors?** Scissors, they're the sharpest. Second place would be the paper. Rocks are too heavy to move.

**Would you rather go to school dressed only in saran wrap or flunk foundations?** I would go to school dressed in saran wrap 100 times more than flunk foundations!!! Well maybe only 50...and then change it up with aluminum foil.

**What is the first thing you'll do when you graduate law school?** I would probably organize an interpretive dance followed by a large musical number with a cast of 1000, including a tap number.

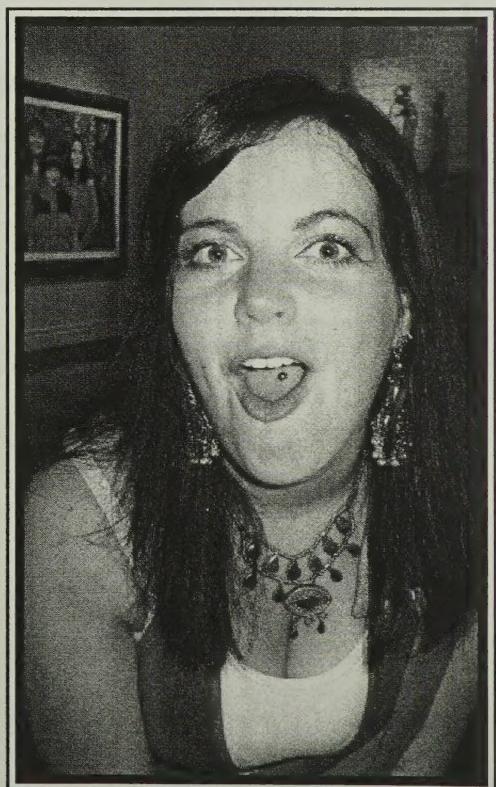
**Any secret talents?** I can embroider, and make a mean cornbread, I can also make up songs at the drop of a hat... maybe not good songs...but songs.

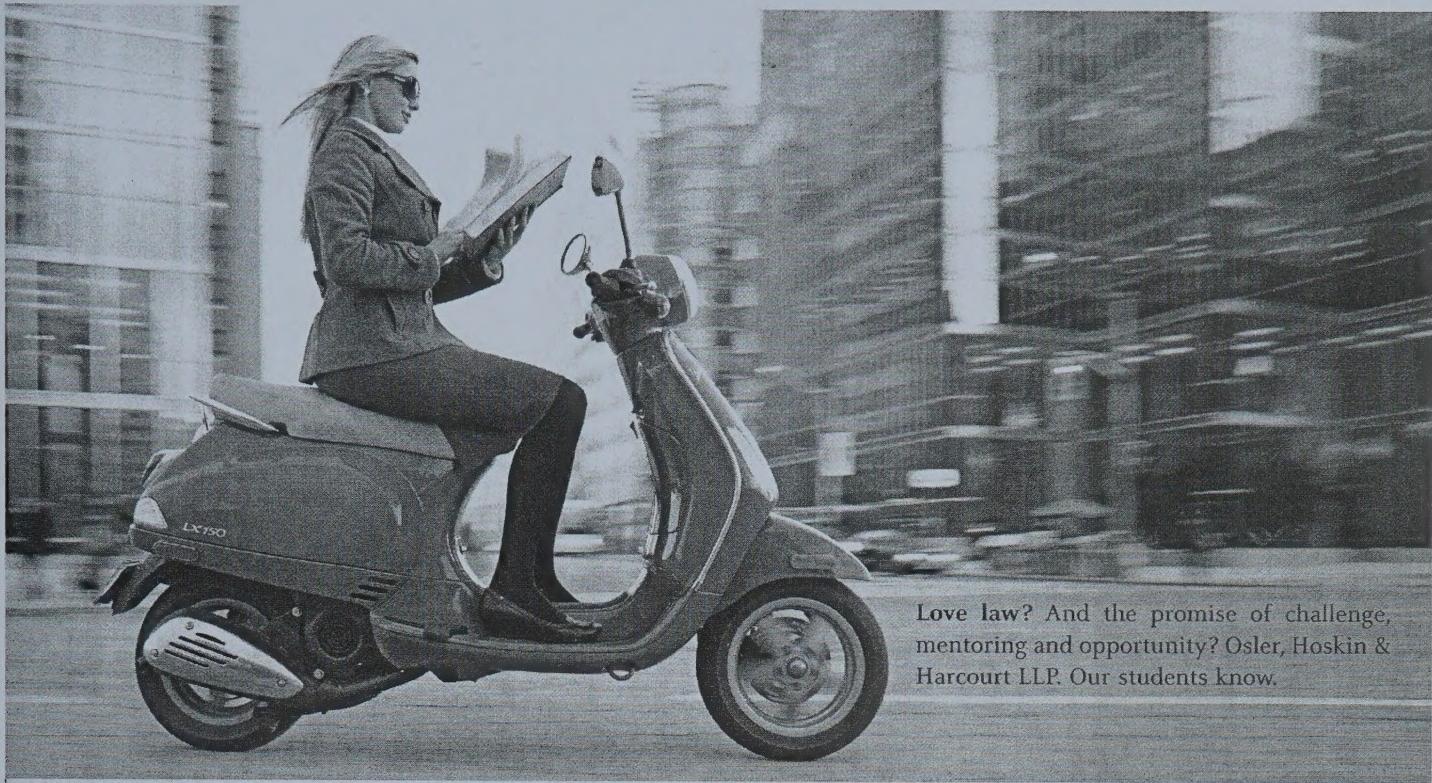
**If you could rename Blackacre, what would you call it and why?** Technicolor-Dreamland! Dreamland connotes an air of whimsy and fantasy. I see the owners of TechnicolorDreamland cavorting around while they grant the land, or are being adversely possessed.

**Favorite nerdy law word?** Blackacre, it sounds so mysterious. Where is this acre that is Black that only special people can access? Whiteacre isn't as neat, I always felt bad for the poor souls that owned Whiteacre.

**Why did the U of A let you in?** Probably because they needed someone to laugh at any and all jokes in class...

**Please interpret this Klingon sentence for us:** Glawk blurpt feesch eckt Wally the Wolverine went west to the Walrus. I Didn't know on the planet Klingon they had Wolverines or Walruses...





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 CHARLES WHITEBREAD 12-2 ROOM 231	3 LSP FOOD- BANK VISIT 5:30 - 8:00	4 INTERVIEW SKILLS SEMINAR 12-2 ROOM 237	5	6
7	8 HAPPY THANKSGIVING! NO SCHOOL	9 CHIEF JUSTICE WACHOWICH 12-2 ROOM 237	10 CUTS FOR THE CURE & WINE AND CHEESE	11 JOB SHAD- OWING SIGN-UP ROOM 474	12 MOCK INTERVIEWS 12-2	13 ALUMNI RUGBY GAME & PARTY
14	15 FEDERAL COURTS CLERKSHIP INFORMATION SESSION (TENTATIVE)	16 TIMELINES AND DEAD- LINES SEMINAR 12-2 ROOM 237	17	18 SLS AGM 12-1 ROOM 105  KATRINA WYMAN 12-2 ROOM 237	19	20
21	22	23 CALGARY/ EDMONTON SUMMER 2008 OCIS	24 RECEPTION FOR CALGARY/ EDMONTON FIRMS AND 2Ls 4-6 IN THE GADEL	25 CALGARY/ EDMONTON SUMMER 2008 OCIS	26	27
28	29	30 SLS CAM- PAIGNING & SPEECHES 12-1 ROOM 105  HALLOWEEN PARTY	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN			

